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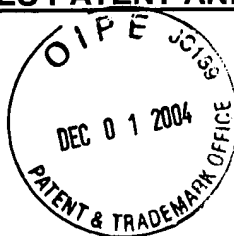
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WAKAHARA et al (as Amended)

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As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Pursuant to the Pre-OG Notice of July 11, 2003, no copy of the U.S. Patent document is required. The listed U.S. Patent is the patent that issued on parent Application No. 10/359,266. Three divisional applications have been filed. The divisional applications have the same disclosure as the subject application, but different claims. Therefore, the as-filed claims of each of the three divisional applications are attached, as stated in the Other Documents section of the Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these co-pending applications and the respective claims thereof in connection with the further examination of this application. On information and belief these applications have been scanned into the IFW system. The submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

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	WAKAHARA et al; U.S. Application No. 10/986,228 filed November 12, 2004; "THERMOSTAT MALFUNCTION DETECTING SYSTEM FOR ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM"; Claims 37-78 (only)
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